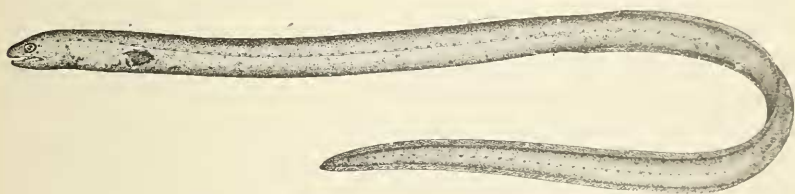


NOTICE OF A SMALL COLLECTION OF FISHES, INCLUDING A RARE EEL, RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM H. MAXWELL LEFROY, BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, WEST INDIES.

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On December 12, 1902, the United States National Museum received from Mr. Lefroy a few fishes, including a small eel, which proves to be the rare *Aplia egmontis*, heretofore known only from the type described by Dr. David Starr Jordan from a specimen 15 inches long, obtained by him at Egmont Key, Florida.^a

The example here noticed, No. 50594, U.S.N.M., is $5\frac{2}{3}$ inches long; its proportions are essentially the same as those given for the type. The color is olive, tinged with yellow, thickly punctulated with darker



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everywhere except a narrow space, from tip of lower jaw to vent, which is silvery. Eye, black. Mr. Lefroy's label for the specimen is "No. 57. White Sand Eel, Barbados."

Since examining the above Dr. H. M. Smith, of the U. S. Fish Commission, has called my attention to one of these eels just received from Dr. J. C. Thompson, U. S. Navy, Dry Tortugas, Florida. It measures $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Dr. Thompson gives the following life colors: "Uniform yellowish olive; on head an oblong dull red blotch, and a similar colored streak on opercle, probably the blood showing through at these points; abdomen silvery."

^a Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. Phila., 1884, p. 44.

Other specimens received from Mr. Lefroy are:

No. 50593. Striped sand eel (*Echidna catenata*), Barbados, in shallow water. No. 6 of the collector.

No. 50595. Yellow fish (*Chaetodon striatus*), Carlisle Bay, Barbados. No. 80.

No. 50596. White fish (*Chaetodon ocellatus*), Carlisle Bay, Barbados. No. 83, Oct., 1902.

No. 50597. Black fish (*Pomacanthus zonipectus*, young), Carlisle Bay, Barbados. No. 81.

No. 50598. Coffin or koffer fish (*Lactophrys triqueter*), Carlisle Bay, Barbados. No. 84.